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Location: 2636 East 61st Street, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

Lat: 36.07354 Long: -95.94916

Significance: Originally designed by renowned golf course architect Perry Duke Maxwell in

1936, the Southern Hills Country Club has served as a beautiful respite for the upper echelon of Tulsa citizens. In addition, it has been the site of some of golf's biggest championship events to date, including three U.S. Opens, four PGA Championships, and two PGA Tour Championships, as well as a number of U.S. Amateur Championships. In 1999, the course was renovated by golf course

architect Keith Foster.

History: The Southern Hills Country Club was established in 1936 on land donated by

Oklahoma oilman Waite Phillips and financed largely based on fund-raising efforts led by Tulsans Bill Warren and Cecil Canary. Over 150 Tulsans donated money for the start of the project. The famed golf architect and Oklahoma native Perry Duke Maxwell was hired to design the eighteen-hole course. He had previously worked on the development of Augusta National in Georgia, Crystal Downs Country Club in Michigan, the Ohio State University Golf Course, and the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. Maxwell is known for capitalizing on the natural contours and the naturalistic native elements of the land in his

course layouts.

Today, Southern Hills Country Club is home to twenty-seven holes of golf. In addition to the eighteen-hole Championship Golf Course designed by Maxwell and renovated by Keith Foster in 1999, there is a nine-hole course designed by Ben Crenshaw in 1992. Other amenities include two swimming pools, twelve

tennis courts, pro shop, and a dining facility.

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